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RETURN TO RELIGION

By Prof. Joseph A. Leighton, in "The Churchman"

Many say that we need a renaissance of religion. The return to religion is widely heralded. But again I ask, What sort of religion? I say, Not a religion which separates the salvation of the individual soul from social conduct; not a religion which holds that the function of the Church is to administer anodynes or opiates for the distress and misery of the individual and for the social confusions and conflicts, by assuring us that if we but patiently endure corruption and exploitation all will be made good to us in heaven; that the beggars who sit humbly and patiently at the rich men's gates, waiting for the crumbs that may be thrown to them with the garbage, will be received into Abraham's bosom and will then receive rich compensation for their earthly miseries.

No! We need a religion on fire with zeal to realize the promise of the beloved community, of a humanity moving on earth towards the greatest possible fulfillment of personality in widest commonalty spread here and now. We need a religion which proclaims the great and acceptable year of the Lord to come on this earth—a religion that does not take refuge blindly in the ideal and transcendent as a soporific compensation for rank injustice here and now; a religion for which the ideal and transcendent is the guiding star and dynamic to help all the Lord's people to be saints on earth; a religion that says with Blake, "I will not cease from mental fight. I will not put my weapons by until I have built the new Jerusalem in England's green and pleasant land."

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Church Divinity School Notes

Quiet Day devotions, led by the Rev. Leslie E. Learned, D. D., retired rector of All Saints Church, Pasadena, opened the first quarter of the 1937-38 academic year at the school. There was a marked increase of registration of students and an addition of two members to the faculty for the year. The Rev. Bayard Jones of San Francisco, an authority on liturgical worship, will teach courses in his field. The Rev. Henry M. Shires, a graduate of the school in 1937, will give courses in Church history.

Dean Henry H. Shires has been appointed acting dean of the School of Christian Social Service at St. Margaret's House, Berkeley, having charge of the educational and vocational work of the institution.

The work on the construction of the new All Saints Chapel has progressed until it is now within a few weeks of completion. The structure is completed and furnishings are being installed. It is already an imposing addition to the group of school buildings.

A friend of the school has presented its library with a copy of the original 1611 edition of the King James Bible.

Two students, James G. Caldwell and Alphonso Gomez, attended the summer session of the Graduate School of Applied Religion at Cincinnati, engaging there in practical social work.

During the summer recess the school buildings were the site of two conferences attended by clergy and laity from all parts of the Province. The first was conducted by the National Retreat Association for its members and others; the other by the Forward Movement, as a missionary motive conference.

Churchmen's Round Table

By C. K. Sutcliffe, Secretary

At the luncheon at the Stewart Hotel on September 15 the chairman of the Laymen's Conference committee, Mr. M. A. Thomas, submitted his report. Archdeacon Hodgkin commented upon the conference, as did others present. The conference was one of the best but it is thought that some of the parishes and missions overlooked their opportunity by not being represented. The committee for next year was asked to consider inviting clergy for part of the time, so that they may listen in, absorb the atmosphere, get acquainted and become stronger boosters.

Laymen should remember the third Wednesday noon each month and attend Round Table meetings at the Hotel Stewart. It is your opportunity to blow off steam on Church affairs while surrounded by good fellowship and understanding.

All Saints Day Service

By W. M. Bours, Chaplain

The usual Eucharistic service will be held on Monday, November 1, in the Chapel Beautiful of Cypress Lawn Memorial Park at 11:00 a. m. The celebrant will be the Rev. Harlan Bailey, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, San Francisco, and the preacher, Bishop Parsons. The offerings will be devoted to the purchase price of the Church plot. That sacred spot in Iona Churchyard has been a benediction to several since the last Easter Monday service.

St. Clement's Church, Berkeley

By Augusta B. Greene

Once more members of the parish who have sought summer recreation in widely differing places are returning to resume activities. But we may not expect Mrs. Claire Fudge for some time, for a message from her from Shanghai finally reached her daughter in San Francisco. It reported her safe and "enjoying her experiences."

Two parish members will not answer the roll call. Early in the summer Mrs. Mary Bayley passed to her eternal home. Late in August a beloved vestryman crossed the "great divide." They will be greatly missed.

The senior warden, Mr. L. C. Lance, after a severe illness while on a trip to Southern California, is returning home in a few days, to the great rejoicing of the parish.

Having, as it were, looked through the large end of a telescope for such a long, discouraging time and seen their much-needed rectory a mere speck without shape or form, in the distance, but never losing hope, it is a great happiness for all that the Parish of St. Clement's Church is now able to satisfactorily finance the amount needed and has bought an adequate and suitable home for the rector and his family—all of whom have been most patient during the past five years.

Cranmer Club Makes Auspicious Start

The fall semester of the Cranmer Club, organization of Episcopal students at the University of California, has begun auspiciously. The chantry has been crowded for choral evensong and the Sunday meetings have had excellent guest speakers, including Prof. James Muilenburg of the Pacific School of Religion and the Rev. J. Lindsay Patton, rector of St. Mark's Church. There were 175 at the annual banquet, which was addressed by Dr. George Hedley, noted religious and labor leader. Under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Randolph Miller, Miss Ellen Gammack and Mr. T. Howell Breece a series of discussion groups, Bible talks and tea dances are held on Tuesday evenings, Wednesday noons and Friday afternoons, respectively, at St. Margaret's House, on the north side of the campus.

Request for Student Addresses

It is requested that the clergy of the Diocese send information including the name and address of students who are going to any of the colleges in the Diocese to the parish clergy of the college towns: University of California, Rev. Randolph C. Miller, Ph.D., 2451 Ridge road, Berkeley, California; Stanford University, Rev. Oscar F. Green, Box 322, Palo Alto, California; San Jose State College, Rev. Mark Rifenbark, D. D., 81 North Second street, San Jose, California.

Dr. Count Leaves California

Rev. E. W. Count, Ph.D., who for several years has been an instructor at the San Jose State College, assisting the rector of Trinity Church on Sundays, has become assistant professor of anatomy at the New York Medical College. Dr. and Mrs. Count have left for New York, taking with them the best wishes of a host of friends in San Jose.

All Saints Church, San Francisco

By Alice L. Mitchell

Of interest to other churches in the Diocese, probably the dahlia and flower show held last month in the social hall of the church is a big event. Woman's Auxiliary was the sponsor of the show and certainly displayed many varieties of dahlias and flowers. The exhibits were donated by parishioners and friends of the church. One of the main exhibits was the showing of beautiful dahlias from the rectory gardens, of which Dr. Little was very proud. Another exhibit was donated by famous Golden Gate Park. The show netted the Auxiliary over \$40 and will, no doubt, set a precedent for future years.

Another big event in the church was the annual Sunday School picnic, which was held at Sigmund Stern Grove, San Francisco. Over a hundred children, parents and friends attended the picnic, which was held in perfect weather. Ice cream and picnic trimmings were the order of the day. The picnic has been an annual affair every fall for more than fifteen years and so the children are already looking forward to next year.

During September Rev. Dr. Little journeyed to Berkeley to solemnize the marriage of his son, Paul, and Miss Carrie Laflin. To add to the joy of the day was the presence at the wedding of Miss Josephine Little, the rector's daughter, who has been in the hospital since January, when she met with an automobile accident.

Deputies Invite Comment

Since the Clergy Conference this fall will not be held till after the meeting of the General Convention there is less opportunity than usual for clerical deputies to confer with their brethren. Some of the questions to come before the Convention are pretty well known. In case clergy or others in the Diocese care to communicate their views to the deputies it is quite in order to do this. The deputies, while they will not go "instructed," wish it understood that they will welcome any such communications.

The following is a list of delegates from the Diocese who plan to attend: Clerical Deputies: The Rev. Mark Rifnbark, D. D.; the Ven. W. R. H. Hodgkin, D. D.; the Rev. Henry H. Shires, D. D., and the Rev. Oscar F. Green. Lay Deputies: Gen. R. H. Noble, Messrs. L. F. Monteagle, Clifton H. Kroll and Prof. H. R. Fairclough.

In Memoriam, John Rowley Gillingham

At the regular meeting of the vestry of St. Clement's Church, Berkeley, September 13, the following memorial was adopted:

"With the passing of our friend and associate, John Rowley Gillingham, we, the vestry of St. Clement's Church, have suffered a real loss, personally and corporately. He was always generous in his support of St. Clement's—with material things and with his counsel, his time and his considerable abilities. But, most of all, we shall miss him and remember him for his lovable character that was always loyal, compassionate, friendly and considerate. His gentle humility was coupled with a warm and positive support of that which was good and a rejection of that which was not. The memory of his character will be, for those who had the good fortune to know him, a continual inspiration as an example of real Christian living. Theron Prentiss, secretary of the vestry."

General Convention Assessment

By F. M. Lee

The Province of the Pacific has unanimously approved and endorsed the principle of a percentage basis of current expenses of each Diocese as the basis for levying the assessments both for General Convention assessments and the salary and expense of the Presiding Bishop. It is hoped that General Convention will adopt this method and discard the present poll tax assessment at so many dollars per head of clergy in each Diocese—an antiquated device which is unfair, inequitable and unjust, since it is burdensome to the small Dioceses.

The committee which prepared the report gave the following illustration:

Present Method: Diocese of New York, 400 clergy, Triennial assessment at \$11 per head, \$4,400; Diocese of Sacramento, 30 clergy, Triennial assessment at \$11 per head, \$330.

Proposed Method: Diocese of New York, average current expenses \$1,938,573 at .003269, \$6,320. Diocese of Sacramento, average current expenses \$51,894 at .003269, \$169.

The amount required is estimated as \$60,000. Total average expenses of all Dioceses, \$18,386,103; percentage, .003269. By the present method New York is under-assessed 50 per cent and Sacramento is over-assessed 100 per cent.

The secretary of General Convention has been asked to place the report in the hands of the committee on expenses, for consideration and presentation to General Convention; also in the hands of the committee on canons, for the amendment of Sections 6 and 7 of Canon 49.

All Saints Church, Carmel

Members and friends of All Saints Church, Carmel, have much to be thankful for and proud of as summer draws to a close. Outstanding gifts have been made to the church and parish house. Mrs. Alfred W. Seldon was instrumental in raising sufficient funds to purchase a beautiful silk flag to stand in the chancel. Later on Miss De Neale Morgan gave one of her notable pictures to hang in the parish house. August saw the setting up of a children's altar there, designed and built by Mr. Whitney Palacci, a thing of beauty in its simplicity. This also was a gift. In the same month a processional cross was presented to the church by two friends, "for great blessings received." The cross, of unusual beauty and design, was created by Mr. Dirk Van Erk of San Francisco.

On September 15 Col. and Mrs. R. R. Wallis gave a buffet luncheon at their home, "Rushoola," Pebble Beach, for the benefit of the Altar Guild. The day was perfect. Luncheon was served on the spacious lawn to about 130 people.

Under the chairmanship of Mrs. John W. Dickenson the women's United Thank Offering was larger than ever before and was handed in at the service at San Jose on September 13.

Passing of William H. Crocker

As The Pacific Churchman goes to press, sad news comes of the passing of W. H. Crocker at his home in Hillsborough, Saturday, September 25, at the age of seventy-six. Mr. Crocker, a native of California, was a man of high ability and character. He was a leader in many affairs that have contributed to the building of a great community and a great State. Funeral services were held at Grace Cathedral, September 28.

The Archdeacon's Letter

Dear Friends in the Diocese:

St. Stephen's, San Luis Obispo, has had a seventieth anniversary celebration. I dropped in for about three days and had a vacation, doing nothing but watch others work. I hope I did not spoil the rector's children. So I say: "God bless the rector and his dear family and his fine parish."

A lot of us had a glorious time at St. John's, San Francisco, on August 31, when the parish observed the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Plath. The church was filled and the parish house was packed. Mayor Rossi was there and so was City Attorney O'Toole and a few of us clergy from outside the parish.

St. Cyprian's nearly killed me with kindness on September 12. I looked after the congregation that day while the vicar, the Rev. R. F. Humphreys, S. S. J. E., was on vacation (attending a conference in Los Angeles). Such a breakfast as they provided for me after the service! It is rumored that the people of St. Cyprian's are planning to serve a Sunday dinner once a month. If they do, some folks will get more than their money's worth.

Since I am mentioning getting more than money's worth I want to refer to the concert given by Mr. Kenneth Spencer for the benefit of St. Cyprian's. Mr. Spencer is a wonderful singer. In addition, Mr. Val Ritschy played—including several pieces of his own composition.

The Young People's Fellowship of True Sunshine, Oakland, has done a lot toward improving the mission. They have made a donation toward the interior decorating of the mission and have provided shades and curtains.

Some time ago I mentioned that in one church I had noticed how the chancel wall had been spoiled by nails for decorations. Christmas is coming and I beseech you don't so decorate your chancels. Try to leave them for the rest of the year a little more attractive than your found them.

That is a great idea which Mr. Hulsewe is printing in the All Saints (Carmel) bulletin. He asks the congregation to stand when the organ begins to play the tune of a hymn or chant, instead of waiting till the time to begin singing. When I visited St. Paul's, Kansas City, about a year ago, I heard the Rev. Richard Trelease announce that it was the custom of that congregation to stand at the beginning and he hoped visitors would do so also. That appeals to me as a good idea. The first words of a hymn should be sung and not shuffled.

In closing I want to let you all know that I think Mr. M. Anderson Thomas did a great thing for the Diocese as chairman of the Laymen's Conference. This is the fifth I have attended and it was, I think, the best. The parish that did not have representatives present lost out. These conferences are part of the adult membership leadership training of the Diocese.

But, before I close, one more word: St. Luke's Day is a good day for remembering St. Luke's Hospital. The clergy ought to work to build up the endowment of the Bishop's Bed Fund. That fund is terribly in the red. Dr. Johnson, superintendent of the hospital, has talked with me a good deal recently about this matter and he wonders why so little interest is taken in the hospital and in the fund. Dr. Johnson has loaned me a book which I commend for

its value to pastors—"The Art of Ministering to the Sick," by R. C. Cabot, M. D., and R. L. Ricks, B. D.

During most of October I shall be away, attending the General Convention in Cincinnati.

With all best wishes to you all,

Ever your friend,

W. R. H. HODGKIN.

P. S.—Since writing the above I had a lovely morning at Mill Valley, on the forty-fifth anniversary of the Church of Our Saviour. The rector, the Rev. Albert Murray, is having the Church School meet on Saturday. On Sunday he has a "five-minute" story for the children at the 11:00 o'clock service.

The Prayer Book Cross service that same afternoon was, as usual, inspiring.

Notes from St. Margaret's House, Berkeley

The academic year has begun at St. Margaret's House with two students-in-training and one in residence who hopes to enter training after the first of the year. The college house is full, with an eager waiting list. Eleven of the girls are Episcopalians and they come from Idaho, Virginia and New York, as well as from all parts of California.

Members of the executive committee are very grateful to Dean Shires of the Church Divinity School who has consented to advise the students-in-training this year; and to Miss Gammack, provincial student secretary, who will work with him as acting head of the house.

The memorial campaign undertaken last spring to remove the capital indebtedness has, to date, in the Diocese of California, brought in \$11,000 in cash and \$5,000 in pledges, with another \$1,000 promised conditionally upon the raising of the amount set as the goal. Plans are under way for the continuation of the campaign in this Diocese and in other parts of the Province. The cash which has already been paid in has meant that the capital indebtedness has been decreased by \$6,200 and \$390 has been eliminated from the amount devoted to interest in the annual budget. This money has made possible several minor but necessary repairs and replacements. A much-needed furnace and an adequate water heater have been installed—expenditures which not only make for comfort but efficiency in the household. May the good work go on.

St. Paul's Church, Oakland

St. Paul's, Oakland, launched its own forward movement program in September, in commemoration of the sixty-sixth anniversary of the parish and the twenty-fifth of the present church edifice. Faced with an increase of new families, Miss Agnes R. Wood has been appointed parish visitor and Miss Sarah E. Johnson, secretary at the parish office. The Rev. Stanley E. Ashton is director of religious education. Repairs and improvements to church property amounting to \$3,000 are being carried out. When the annual parish dinner takes place on December 8, which is the date of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the church, the vestry hopes to be able to report that the edifice, from floor to roof, is in a state of complete repair.

Music lovers in the community are looking forward to hearing the world's greatest living organist, Marcel Dupre, on the Alexander Allen memorial organ on Wednesday, November 10. This outstanding musical event has been undertaken as part of St. Paul's contribution to musical appreciation in the East Bay.

St. Stephen's Church, San Luis Obispo Celebrates Seventieth Anniversary

Seventy years is a long life for any Protestant church in California and for that reason St. Stephen's spent a week in celebrating its anniversary. The parish council, consisting of representatives from each organization, had general supervision of the events of the week of August 23 to 29.

Lambda Delta Kappa, young people's group, began with a fashion show on Monday evening. Fashions were those of 1867 to the present and girls posed in charming old dresses against a background of a Victorian parlor.

This was the first appearance of the model of St. Stephen, work of two summer sessions of the Church School.

Antiques of all kinds made their appearance on Wednesday and Thursday when the Auxiliary held open house at an antique tea. Members of the Altar Guild served tea. Most of the hostesses wore dresses of some period between 1867 and today.

On Friday and Saturday, from 4:00 to 5:00, Mrs. Rosalma Van Patten and Mrs. A. E. Horlock of Hanford, respectively, played on the Phoebe Apperson Hearst memorial organ and visitors could see the beautiful new St. Stephen window, gift of the whole parish.

At the recollection dinner, on Saturday, present members, friends and former members who had returned for the occasion, gathered in the guild hall. Some who could not come wrote and those present particularly enjoyed the Rev. Ernest Bradley's account of his sojourn in the parish thirty-five years ago. Fred Booth, senior warden, introduced A. H. Mabley of Laguna Beach, for years a member of St. Stephen's vestry, who acted as toastmaster. Most of the speeches began, "I remember—" and continued with pleasant memories of the parish's pleasures and vicissitudes. Among the guests was Archdeacon Hodgkin.

For half an hour before the morning service Alice Keith, organist of St. John's, Del Monte, played and then joined the choir, of which she had been a member. Mrs. D. J. Riley played the service. The little church was crowded for the dedication of the St. Stephen window and its two supporting windows in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hollister, Sr., and of the St. Matthew window in memory of Kathryn Miller Meyer, granddaughter of one of the founders of the parish.

Field Department Notes

The Field Department heard good reports of the recent Labor Day Conference.

Early in November a team from the National Council will visit this Diocese and will be here from November 7 to 12. Bishop Salinas of Mexico and the Rev. James Helms of Fort Defiance, Arizona, have accepted appointments on the team.

Mrs. Edward M. Cross, wife of Bishop Cross of Spokane, will be the woman member of the team.

The department is sponsoring two meetings in the nature of leadership training classes on missions. These will have been conducted before this issue is received. The Every Member Canvass leaders have been notified.

As usual the Diocesan Council informs the Field Department that about \$3,000 in specials will be needed if the Diocesan working fund is not to fall in arrears this year. In past years many people in the Diocese have helped—some through their parish treasurers and some in direct, anonymous gifts to the

Bishop. The department is hopeful that some of the readers of The Pacific Churchman will give the Bishop a surprise on his return by letting him find the threatened deficit is no more.

The department realizes that parish indebtedness is one reason it is so hard to raise the pledges to the Church's Program and it hopes that some real efforts will be made to reduce all indebtedness.

Daughters of the King

By Carol McGuire

The Junior Daughters of the King, Diocese of California, held a weekend conference, August 14 and 15, at beautiful St. Dorothy's Rest. We arrived at St. Dorothy's about 2:00 o'clock. The members of each chapter wore pretty ribbon badges, giving the name of the chapter and underneath the name of the girl.

After assignment of quarters the girls went to visit Mrs. Lincoln, who, with her husband, founded St. Dorothy's Rest. Then a number of the girls were taken to Russian River to spend an enjoyable afternoon swimming. Soon after returning, a delicious dinner was served. At the table Mrs. Lincoln welcomed us and made announcements concerning the remainder of the evening.

We had a short vesper service in the little, ivy-covered chapel and sang Mrs. Lincoln's hymn, "The Winds of God," which everyone thought was lovely.

Sunday morning we enjoyed a fine breakfast. Mrs. Lincoln asked the girls to come to her porch at 10:30 for a short talk and told us all to be at the chapel at 11:30 for holy communion and a re-dedication service for the junior daughters. After breakfast many went to the ping pong table, while others went for a hike to the Tower. At 10:30 we gathered on the porch, where Mrs. Lincoln gave a lovely talk about an interesting experience in her life and work and its relationship with God. Afterward we went to the chapel for holy communion, celebrated by the Rev. Mr. McFarlane of Santa Rosa.

St. Mark's Parish, Berkeley

Under the energetic leadership and direction of the rector, the Rev. J. Lindsay Patton, the fall work of St. Mark's Parish, Berkeley, is progressing rapidly. All of the several organizations are making headway and a busy and productive year is ahead. St. Mark's Service League, composed of representatives from all of the women's organizations and headed by Mrs. H. H. Shires, held its first interesting meeting Friday afternoon, September 24. The student work, with the Rev. Randolph C. Miller (student chaplain) in charge, got off to a splendid start with a Cranmer Club dinner which attracted 175 students. At a called meeting of the Vestry of St. Mark's, held Thursday evening, September 23, it was decided to undertake a campaign to lift the parish debt and to provide for much-needed improvements and repairs. The plan is to inaugurate an intensive campaign for that purpose, beginning early in February next and lasting several weeks. Altogether, St. Mark's Parish is humming with activity and interest.

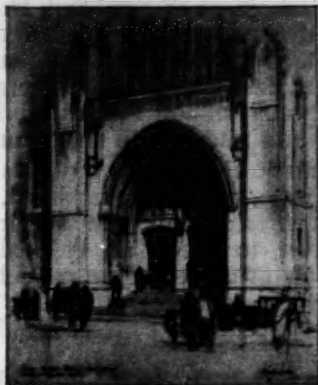
A Correction

The officers of the Woman's Auxiliary, Trinity Church, San Francisco, are: Mrs. William James Bain, president; Miss Sibyl Stone, vice-president; Mrs. Edgar J. Berg, treasurer; Mrs. Harry A. True, secretary. Term of office ends December 31.

CATHEDRAL NOTES

The Cathedral is open daily during the week from 9:00 to 5:00 o'clock. Clergy are in attendance throughout the day for information and spiritual conference. Visitors to the Cathedral are invited to enter their names in the Book of Remembrance. Ask the clergy how to become a "friend and builder."

The Chapel of Grace is being used by the clergy generally for weddings and other special services and the Cathedral, with clergy attendants throughout the



day, is fulfilling its great mission to the city and to the Diocese.

Progress is being made in the installation of flooring in the nave and transepts of the Cathedral. A beautiful oak floor is now in place where the future pews will stand. The rest of the flooring will be of Indiana limestone, which is now being cut and will soon be in place.

About thirty-six pews have been taken by individuals and families. These will be in keeping with the future Cathedral scheme of furnishings, with comfortable cushions and kneelers, and will bear a plate indicating the names of those in whose respective memories the pews are given. It is possible that those who read this note may be interested in a memorial pew gift. If so they are asked to confer with the Dean as early as possible.

Why Such Beauty?

Sitting in Lincoln Cathedral and gazing at one of the loveliest of human works, as the "Angel Choir" has been described, there arose within me, obliterating for the moment the thousand heraldries and twilight saints and dim emblazonings, a strong sense of reverence for the minds which had executed such things of beauty. What manner of men were they who could, in those (to us) dark days, build such transcendent monuments? What was the secret of their art? By what spirit were they moved? Absorbed in thought I did not hear the beginning of the music and then, as a response to my reverie and arousing me from it, rang out the clear voice of the boy leading the antiphon, "That Thy power, Thy glory and mightiness of Thy Kingdom might be known unto men." Here was the answer. Moving in a world not realized, these men sought, however feebly, to express in glorious structures their conception of the beauty and holiness and these works, our wonder, are but the outward and visible signs of the ideals which animated them. Practically to us, in very different days, life offers the same problems but the conditions have changed and, as happened before in the world's history, great material prosperity has weakened the influence of ideals and blurred the eternal difference between means and

end. Still, the ideal state, the ideal life, the ideal church—what they are and how best to realize them—such dreams continue to haunt the minds of men and who can doubt that their contemplation immensely fosters the upward progress of our race?—Sir William Osler.

Personal Notes

Canon Ridgely is at home at the Hillcrest, after a vacation rest at Vagabondia, on the shores of Lake Tahoe. He is greatly refreshed and eager to resume his work.

Canon Wright has returned from his summer rest at Sequoia National Park and at his own cottage in the Santa Cruz Mountains, at Mount Hermon.

Canon Hayes has been active in our Cathedral life, taking many of the early services and occasionally making addresses. He seems to be gaining steadily in strength and rejoices in the work of the Cathedral, in which he has had so large a share during past years.

Our Cathedral organist, Mr. J. Sidney Lewis, after his severe illness, is back at his post. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Hugh J. Williams, has made a fine start in the number of boys and the quality of voices for the coming year.

The Cathedral School, under the Rev. Edward Littell and Mr. Carrol B. Crawford, has reopened with renewed interest in all departments.

Cycle of Prayer for October

Thursday, October 14—Trinity, Oakland (with Holy Innocents); L. B. Thomas. Sunday, October 17—St. Luke's Hospital, San Francisco; J. H. Ohlhoff. Sunday, October 31—All Saints, Palo Alto; O. F. Green.

Cathedral Choir Boys

Bubbling with youthful enthusiasm and manifestly glad to be together again the choir boys returned to their posts on the fourth Sunday in August. We have an unusually young and fresh group this year and this makes for greater interest and co-operation. The music was particularly good on the second Sunday in September, when Mr. Lewis returned to the organ after his illness and the various parts of our choir organization were once more fitted into an harmonious whole.

For the first time, as a choir group, twelve of our boys are singing in the San Francisco grand opera season. They are busily rehearsing for "La Boheme." We are looking forward to a year of new music and profitable work together.

Passed to Rest, Mrs. Mary A. Bayley

On August 1, in an Oakland hospital, Mrs. Mary A. Bayley, a native of Australia, mother of the late Alfred J. Chaplin-Bayley, a former organist of Grace Cathedral, passed to her rest after a brief illness. Rev. J. Henry Thomas conducted the funeral services at St. Clement's Church, Berkeley, where she had been a faithful parishioner and Sunday School teacher. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" may well be said of Mrs. Bayley's many years of devoted service to the Episcopal Church. She served as a choir singer, president of the Guild, charter member of the House of Churchwomen, member of the vestry, treasurer of the church and visited and cheered the sick and needy of St. Matthew's Church, Berkeley. She was the widow of the late Edward Bayley and mother of the late Dr. Agnes Bayley. In her twilight years she was blessed by the loving friendship of many dear family friends, among them being Mr. and Mrs. George Oxley, who so devotedly watched over Mrs. Bayley in her last years.

Tenth Annual Laymen's Conference

By M. Anderson Thomas, Chairman

The tenth Annual Laymen's Conference was held at Menlo School and Junior College, September 4-6. The attendance was good—full-time attendance of forty-six and part-time attendance of thirty-one, making a total attendance of seventy-seven.

Notable among parishes who sent delegates are Trinity, San Francisco, with twelve; All Saints, Palo Alto, with eleven; Incarnation, San Francisco, with eight; St. Mark's, Berkeley, with seven; Trinity, San Jose, with six; All Saints, San Francisco, with five. There were twenty-two parishes, two missions and the Cathedral represented by delegations.

Mr. L. S. Stanton of St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco, presided at the first meeting, which was dinner on Saturday evening. Mr. Lowry S. Howard, president of Menlo School and Junior College, the host to our material needs, gave us a warm welcome. In addition he gave us an interesting account of discussions of boys and girls of high school age which were conducted at the summer sessions of the University of California. He called them "panels." They were designed to bring out exactly what the young men and women were thinking about and, although under observation and within the hearing of older men and women, the young people endeavored to be entirely oblivious to the fact that spectators were present.

General Noble of St. Luke's, San Francisco, gave a pleasing response on behalf of the delegates at the conference and called the attention of those assembled to the fact that it takes all phases of human life to make up the complete body of the Church. That all should and can work in harmony, each trying to understand the other and to help and learn from the other, to-wit: Youth, young manhood, fatherhood and grandfatherhood. General Noble's talk served as a sort of keynote and pace-setter for the conference. He and Mr. E. V. Lister, organist of All Saints, Palo Alto, handled the music during the conference in a very creditable manner. The conference is indebted to Johnny Boyd of Incarnation, San Francisco, for several beautiful solos and to Thomas Wu of True Sunshine, San Francisco, who substituted for Mr. Lister at the piano on Sunday morning.

The opening address at the evening session on Saturday was made by Mr. Ellsworth Johnson of Advent, San Francisco, whose subject was "A Broader Conception of the Church's Task." Mr. Johnson differentiated between ethics, morals and Christianity and outlined a broad program for the Church. All will remember his quotation from William Blake, "If morality were Christianity, then Socrates would be the Saviour." Also his warning, "Shall we be so tolerant that we shall go backward?" Also his recital of an incident in which Mary Ashe Miller, after hearing a Chinese preacher, said, "I am always impressed with the freshness of the Christianity of a Chinese." Also Mr. Johnson's statement, "We must get back to the fundamental virtue of sincerity in the clergy."

Commander John S. Graham of St. Mark's, Berkeley, conducted the discussion which followed. Before bedtime devotions were conducted by Archdeacon Hodgkin in preparation for holy communion Sunday morning at Trinity Church, Menlo Park; Rev. Ralph P. Smith, celebrant.

Mr. E. W. Burr of Hayward presided at breakfast on Sunday morning and the second session of the conference commenced at 10:00 o'clock, with Mr. Norman H. Rushton of Burlingame presiding. Dr. H. Rushton Fairclough of All Saints, Palo Alto, was the principal

speaker for the Sunday morning session. Dr. Fairclough opened by paying a high tribute to Dr. Trueblood, who now occupies the pulpit in the chapel at Stanford University. Outstanding among his quotations from Dr. Trueblood is one, in substance, as follows: Theology is comparable to the state of mind of a man who is writing a treatise on courtship. Religion is comparable to the state of mind of a man who is in love.

Dr. Fairclough emphasized the need for a personal religion and called attention to the fact that Major Nourse, superintendent of schools for San Francisco, at the opening of the schools in the city recently, had urged that emphasis be placed upon character and spirituality and stated that education should reach the spiritual side of the pupil. Dr. Fairclough called our attention to the fact the theory of pure behaviorism in modern psychology is slipping out of date and that a modern psychologist has said that everything written on psychology over fifteen years ago is out of date. He said that religion is now on trial and it is our duty to present a good face to the world for our religion; that we should not be discouraged by the pessimists who say that religion is done for or who write books on the end of democracy, even though it was too much to expect that we could evangelize the world in the present generation, according to the slogan of twenty years ago. He stated that there is now a movement toward unity of the Church, as shown in the two recent grave conferences—one at Edinburgh and the other at Oxford; that we must break away from some of the old conventional methods; that the Bishop of Ohio is now traveling about that State with a cathedral on wheels. Dr. Fairclough made an invaluable contribution to the conference.

In place of the proposed discussion following Dr. Fairclough's address the conference took a cue from Mr. Howard's talk about the "panels" and Mr. Frank E. Lee arranged a panel discussion by Messrs. Merton Saunders, Gordon Lea and Llewellyn Cline of All Saints, San Francisco, and Mr. Robert Rost of Trinity, San Francisco. These four young men took seats at the speakers' table and carried on a discussion consisting of questions and answers among themselves, relating to religion and the Church generally. It was productive of much interest and will result, no doubt, in a regularly scheduled panel discussion at the conference next year. Some of the vestrymen of the Diocese who do not believe that a man can be a vestryman until he is near seventy should have heard what these young men think of them.

After the panel Mr. John P. Breeden of Menlo Park conducted noonday devotions. The noonday dinner was presided over by Mr. Herbert Trinius of Incarnation, San Francisco, who announced the recreational activities for the afternoon. Mr. Leonard Braden was supper host on Sunday.

Mr. Joseph J. Dunlop of Menlo Park led the lay readers vespers service at 7:30 p. m., at which Rev. Ralph P. Smith, the conference chaplain, delivered the address. We were impressed by the virility of our chaplain and by his vigor of thought and speech.

The third regular session of the conference opened

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at 8:45 p. m., with Capt. Fred H. Young of Trinity, San Francisco, presiding. Gilbert Hooper of Alameda was the principal speaker, the subject being "The Church's Methods in the Mission Field." He gave a brief history of the missionary work in the Church and how it had been carried on for the last hundred years or so, how it was necessary in the foreign fields for missionaries to perform material services for the people before undertaking to evangelize them. He said that the present method is very much the same but that there is more of a tendency now to adapt the customs of beliefs already held by the people to be evangelized to the Christian religion rather than to endeavor to blot out all of their original beliefs.

The discussion was directed by Captain Young and Archdeacon Hodgkin made an impressive talk on "Missions in the Mission Field" and clarified the situation by summing up what had gone before. The Sunday evening session closed with family prayers led by Mr. Alexander Leckey of Incarnation, San Francisco.

A feature of the Monday morning session was morning devotions out-of-doors, led by Mr. Percy Woodhouse. This meeting was fully attended and much appreciated by the men of the conference. Mr. Frank E. Lee was breakfast host.

The 9:30 a. m. session, the last of the conference, was conducted by Mr. Hamilton Murray of St. Mary the Virgin, San Francisco, as chairman. Mr. George I. Rhoda of San Jose was the principal speaker, his subject being "The Layman's Part in the Church's Program." Among other things he made a plea for Christianity and honesty in business and in government. He said that all the germs of our political and social diseases existed at the time of Christ and what we need as much as anything now in aim is a more sensitive national conscience, a conscience that will not permit the repudiation of lawful obligations merely because the Supreme Court has said it is legal to do so, and which would not permit negotiation of a neutrality treaty which would enable politicians to laugh in their sleeves at the gullibility of the peace organizations.

Mr. C. K. Sutcliffe of St. Mark's, Berkeley, led the discussion which followed Mr. Rhoda's address.

At 11:30 a. m. the conference was fortunate in hearing an address on "Some Practical Aspects of Church Architecture" by Mr. Charles K. Sumner, an eminent architect, of All Saints, Palo Alto. Mr. Sumner has had a wide professional experience and the advantages of extensive travel. It was the sense of the conference that it would be of advantage if his address or extracts from it could be published in *The Pacific Churchman* and we hope that this can be accomplished.

After Mr. Sumner had finished speaking, Mr. Hamilton Murray gave some experiences gained from the rehabilitation of his church, St. Mary the Virgin, of which he is junior warden. He made some valuable suggestions which might be taken to heart, especially by the vestrymen in attendance at the conference.

At the closing of this session noonday devotions were conducted by Mr. O. A. W. Schuchard of Watsonville, who is a vestryman and lay reader there.

The final luncheon was at 12:30 on Monday, at which time farewells were said and Mr. Lowry S. Howard extended a hearty invitation for next year's conference at Menlo.

The conference was a success in the opinion of those present and it is the hope of all that it will bear fruit in the Diocese during the coming year.

The seed of sacrifice brings forth the fragrant fruit of love and love always has in its heart the seeds of a new sacrifice.—Rev. Josiah Strong.

An Affirmation of Unity

(By the World Conference on Faith and Order; adopted at Edinburgh, August 18.)

We are one in faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Word of God. We are one in allegiance to Him as Head of the Church and as King of kings and Lord of lords. We are one in acknowledging that this allegiance takes precedence of any other allegiance that may make claims upon us.

This unity does not consist in the agreement of our minds or the consent of our wills. It is founded in Jesus Christ Himself, Who lived, died and rose again to bring us to the Father and Who through the Holy Spirit dwells in His Church. We are one because we are all the objects of the love and grace of God and called by Him to witness in all the world to His glorious Gospel.

Our unity is of heart and spirit. We are divided in the outward forms of our life in Christ, because we understand differently His will for His Church. We believe, however, that a deeper understanding will lead us toward a united apprehension of the truth as it is in Jesus.

We humbly acknowledge that our divisions are contrary to the will of Christ and we pray God in His mercy to shorten the days of our separation and to guide us by His Spirit into fullness of unity.

We are thankful that during recent years we have been drawn together; prejudices have been overcome, misunderstandings removed and real, if limited, progress has been made toward our goal of a common mind.

In this conference we may gratefully claim that the Spirit of God has made us willing to learn from one another and has given us a fuller vision of the truth and enriched our spiritual experience.

We have lifted up our hearts together in prayer; we have sung the same hymns; together we have read the same Holy Scriptures. We recognize in one another, across the barriers of our separation, a common Christian outlook and a common standard of values. We are, therefore, assured of a unity deeper than our divisions.

We are convinced that our unity of spirit and aim must be embodied in a way that will make it manifest to the world, though we do not yet clearly see what outward form it should take.

We believe that every sincere attempt to co-operate in the concerns of the Kingdom of God draws the severed communions together in increased mutual understanding and good will. We call upon our fellow-Christians of all communions to practise such co-operation; to consider patiently occasions of disunion that they may be overcome; to be ready to learn from those who differ from them; to seek to remove those obstacles to the furtherance of the Gospel in the non-Christian world which arise from our divisions; and constantly to pray for that unity which we believe to be our Lord's will for His Church.

We desire also to declare to all men everywhere our assurance that Christ is the one hope of unity for the world in face of the distractions and dissensions of this present time. We know that our witness is weakened by our divisions. Yet we are one in Christ and in the fellowship of His Spirit. We pray that everywhere, in a world divided and perplexed, men may turn to Jesus Christ our Lord, Who makes us one in spite of our divisions; that He may bind in one those who by many worldly claims are set at variance; and that the world may at last find peace and unity in Him; to Whom be glory forever.

Book Notes

By the faculty of the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. Edited by The Rev. Randolph Crump Miller, Ph.D.

"Personal Realism," by James Bissett Pratt. Macmillan; \$3.

It is especially exciting to read this defense of personal realism by an American philosopher after the recent visit to this country of John Macmurray, the eminent personal realist of the University of London. Philosophically Professor Pratt's book seems somewhat more thorough and more moderately tempered but no less convincing than the writings of Professor Macmurray. Both of these men represent the attempt to defend realism and the actuality of the individual. It is the thesis of "Personal Realism" that the "only trustworthy defense of the reality of self, of a metaphysically grounded individualism, must be based upon a realistic epistemology." The work is a modest, though not unambitious, conception of the task of philosophy. There is no dogmatic assertion of the ultimate truth and yet the author does not hesitate to come to certain specific, though tentative, conclusions. These "ultimate guesses" are contained in the final chapter and it is here that Professor Pratt professes

his living faith with a warm and rather evangelistic zeal. The weakest point in Pratt's personal realism, as in any personalistic metaphysics, lies in his brief and assumptive conclusions about the cosmic self. To this reviewer it seems that the jump from the reality of individual persons to the reality of a cosmic person has never been very convincingly argued in philosophy.—Benjamin Miller.

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"The Exploration of the Inner World," by Anton T. Boisen. Willett, Clark; 1936; \$3.50.

Among the mentally unstable and insane there are many who have reached this state for no organic reason. Their mental disorder is to be explained in terms of reaction to life situations. That is, an inner conflict which has not been successfully resolved has been induced by disappointment, loss, sense of failure or some similar cause. Here is a book which undertakes to explore this inner world and to examine carefully "the great wilderness of the lost" by one who has been there himself and who is at present chaplain of an insane asylum. His thesis is that there are certain facts gleaned from his own experience and that of many others, scientifically analyzed, which must be in the possession of religious workers and others who hope successfully to help the mentally sick. According to Dr. Boisen there is a clear relationship between deep religious experience and certain pathological symptoms, due to the fact that both spring from inner conflict. It is probably true that in mental states marked by hallucinations and the hearing of voices the patient is in touch with spiritual reality. It is not all imagination. Religion, with its capacity to see life whole, can be a tremendous influence in integrating and unifying a disordered mental life. The book is a distinct contribution to the field of religious psychology. Both minister and psychiatrist will find it invaluable in resolving the conflict in many a distraught mind.—Henry H. Shires.

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"Some Problems of Life," by Rufus M. Jones. Cokesbury; 214 pages; \$2.

The book is excellent. The title is poor. The book is much more than a discussion of some of the problems of life. It is an analysis and a proposed solution of the basic problems of life, the problems upon which all other problems turn. It is a religious philosophy of value, a study of "that for which all the rest exists," to use the author's own words. The language of the volume is simple and colorful. The thought is deep and inspiring. Like the writings of William James, the book is full of illustrations that really illustrate. In other words, it is ideally written philosophy. It is a document of philosophical maturity, in which thought is revealed by words rather than concealed or replaced by them. "What makes life good?" the author asks at the outset. Self-realization, which means self-giving as well as self-seeking, is the answer and the self to be realized is the self that ought to be. "The choice of an act is always the choice of a self." An ethical value as contrasted with an exchange value in economics has reference to "what for us ought to be." The book then proceeds to analyze the self in its essential characteristics in an approach to values made possible by freedom and immortality. It closes with a brilliant chapter to the effect that the heart of Christianity is the revelation "that human nature can become an organ for the life of God, since it has been such an organ" in Christ.—J. M. Malloch.



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General Church News

By Rev. Charles R. Greenleaf

Laymen's Visitation Urged

A call to go out "two by two" into the farthestmost corners of the Diocese of Chicago in a movement to deepen the spiritual lives of churchmen and churchwomen, was issued by the department of ways and means of the Diocese. The proposed undertaking is in the form of an organized visitation by laymen.

Appointed Honorary Canons

The National Cathedral at Washington has appointed three distinguished Protestant leaders as honorary canons. They are the Rev. Dr. William Adams Brown, a Presbyterian; Dr. John R. Mott, a Methodist; and Dr. Douglas Freeman, a Baptist.

Want Muscular Christianity

The parishioners of St. Michael's, Church, London, England, desired an example of muscular Christianity in the person of a new vicar. The Rev. F. E. Jones, a former London policeman and boxer, has been appointed. He is thirty-two years old and as a boxer he

won cups in open contests against police, guards and firemen.

Doctor Guthrie's Resignation

Dr. William Norman Guthrie, for many years colorful rector of St. Mark's-in-the-Bowery, New York City, has resigned, effective in September.

Diocese Receives Fortune

The Diocese of Minnesota has receive more than \$210,000 from the estate of the late Mrs. Elbridge C. Cook, to go to various diocesan enterprises.

National Cathedral News

A total of 205,000 persons visited the National Cathedral in Washington, D. C., in 1936. In the past eleven years 8,892,000 of the beautiful Cathedral Christmas cards have been sold.

Crosses Are Best Sellers

Jewelers report that in recent months necklace crosses for women and watch chain crosses for men have been their best selling items.

Diocesan Expectations Paid

Dr. Lewis B. Franklin, treasurer of the Episcopal Church, announced that 101 per cent of the diocesan expectations or pledges had been paid by July 1, with sixty-nine of the Dioceses paying 100 per cent or more.

\$10,000 in Ten Days

Trinity Parish, Fort Wayne, Indiana, recently was faced with the necessity of raising \$10,000 in ten days to avoid a mortgage foreclosure. A total of \$13,200 was raised.

Anonymous Gift of \$25,000

The Fort Valley School in Georgia, one of the Episcopal schools for the education of negroes, recently received an anonymous gift of \$25,000.

Cloudburst Damages Church

St. Luke's Church, Billings, Montana, was damaged to the extent of \$1,500 by a cloudburst which flooded the entire city.



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